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Drowning in a high tide of loan debt

Struggling with bills. The average New Yorker graduated with \$26,000 in debt, 11 percent higher than the national average.

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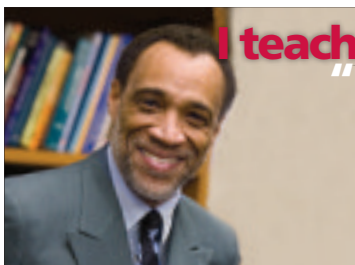


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The former Nets center became the first male athlete in any major professional sport to come out. / GETTY IMAGES

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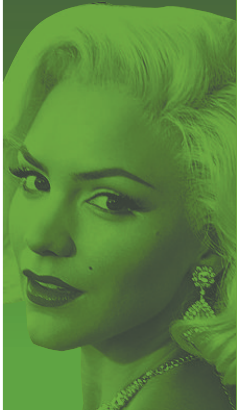
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In the news

NYC tops for TV

This year will be a record-breaking one for New York on television, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced yesterday. Shows like "The Good Wife" and "Smash" already use the city as their show's setting.

According to his office, 19 television pilots and five shows that became series have already filmed here this season.

Two more plan to film here, which would break the record for the number of television pilots filming in New York in a year.

Quoted

"I admire Jason Collins for his bravery and honesty. It takes a great deal of courage to be who you are, and it is not easy to come out of the closet on any day, in any profession"

CHRISTINE QUINN

Election 2013

Catsimatidis swears at Tea Party president

Supermarket mogul and mayoral hopeful John Catsimatidis lost his temper at a Young Republicans event, the Daily News reported.

A questioner criticized Catsimatidis' plan

for "public-private partnerships" to increase vocational training.

Tea Party President Frank Russo asked him to explain the plan.

"Go bullsh— yourself, if you want!" Catsimatidis said. "The program is to teach these people the ability to earn a living. OK?"

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Ground Zero

Landing gear rope mystery finally solved

A piece of rope entwined in the landing gear found behind 51 Park Place last week was tied there by NYPD personnel who first responded to the scene, Deputy Police Commissioner Paul



The landing gear / NYPD

Browne reported.

The discovery of the landing gear was first reported on April 24.

A Boeing Company technician also identified the landing gear to NYPD Crime Scene detectives. The NYPD believes it is from one of two planes destroyed on Sept. 11, 2001.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Drowning in sea of student loan debt

By the numbers

11%

New York has student loan debt that is 11 percent higher than the national average.

No joke. NYC has one of the highest rates of student loan debt in the country.

New York might be the city that never sleeps, but many are being kept up at night by piles of bills — specifically student loan bills.

With schools like Columbia and New York University, where years of tuition can sweep past six figures, many students — and graduates — are swimming in student loan debt.

New Yorkers' average debt jumped past the na-

tional average, according to Debt.org, which tracks such data. In 2010, New Yorkers graduated with an average debt of \$26,000, 11 percent higher than the national average.

East Harlem resident Kevin Stump, 25, swapped schools when he realized his \$800-per-credit private college was causing him too much financial stress.

Instead, he is working full-time and pursuing a master's at Baruch College, where the credits cost half as much.

"I looked at my financial-aid statement to get my affairs in order, and I just realized how quickly debt was rising," he said.

Even the decision to pursue a master's was spurred by loan stress. By enrolling in school, he was able to defer his \$10,000 in undergraduate debt. Even that amount is modest — he kept costs down by working as a resident



Kevin Stump is struggling with his student loan debt. / BESS ADLER

adviser.

Stump is also a higher education advocate at the New York Public Interest Research Group, where he works to keep college affordable.

For example, he fought to keep student interest

rates from jumping from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent last year. Congress kept the rate down, but it is scheduled to double in July.



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Debt crisis

Student loan debt on rise

The number of 25-year-olds with student debt is steadily climbing, according to a report from the New York Federal Reserve, reaching more than 40 percent in 2012. In 2004, that number was 25 percent.

Fewer pay on time — about 17 percent are overdue on their bills past 90 days, up from 10 percent in 2004.

This month, citing an "unprecedented student loan debt crisis," Congressman Charles Rangel introduced a bill that would double tax deductions for student loan interest rates.

Quoted

"It's outrageous that the fight to keep student interest rates down is coming up again." Stump

City gun rates drop by 30 percent



Gun deaths have fallen.

Gun deaths in the city declined by more than 30 percent between 2000 and 2011, a new Health Department study shows.

There were 524 firearm-related murders in 2000, compared with 366 in 2011, according to the study. The nation overall saw no decline during the same period, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

The number of injuries caused by guns during the same 11-year period

Quoted

"Our success at keeping guns off our streets has meant that our city's overall firearm fatality rate is less than half the rate in the rest of the country" Bloomberg

also declined, falling 21 percent.

The mayor credited the city's tough gun-possession

laws for the declines, as well as the "smart, proactive policing that makes it much more likely that if you break our city's gun laws, you'll be caught."

Despite the fall in firearm deaths, gun violence remains a serious problem in the city, Bloomberg noted. Neighborhoods such as East New York, Crown Heights, Central Harlem and the South Bronx have the highest numbers of firearm deaths

in the city, with rates twice the city's average.

Firearms are also the leading cause of death for men aged 15 to 24 in those communities.

"We're working every day to address this epidemic by targeting police resources where they're most needed and implementing the same proactive law enforcement strategies that have proven so effective citywide," the mayor said. LAURA SHIN

Six months. Mold and 11 billion gallons of sewage after Sandy

It's another unpleasant outcome of Hurricane Sandy.

The hurricane caused 11 billion gallons of sewage to overflow into rivers, lakes and other waterways, according to a new report.

Climate-change group Climate Central reported that 32 percent was untreated sewage.

The spill is equivalent to Central Park being stacked 41 feet high with sewage — 50 times the BP oil spill.

"Our sewage infrastructure isn't built to withstand such surges, and we are putting our property, safety and lives at risk if we don't adequately plan for these challenges," said the report's author, Dr. Alyson Kenward.

Yesterday was the six-month anniversary of the hurricane. People rallied at City Hall to say there isn't enough housing and too many face untreated mold.

Quoted

"The city must do more to help us get rid of mold now in homes damaged by Sandy." Alison Puglisi

The Alliance for a Just Rebuilding appeared with union workers and people from groups such as New York Communities for Change and Make the Road New York.

Many are still without housing, as a city program is scheduled to end soon.

And Staten Island resident Alison Puglisi said that many houses are wrecked by mold, which she worried would only get worse as the weather warms.

Council members also announced legislation to track how the recovery funding is spent.

ALISON BOWEN



Shadow play at Season of Cambodia

The Shadow Puppet Troupe of Wat Bo recently performed "Sor Neakabas" ("The Magical Arrowhead Dragon"), a traditional tale from the Ramayana, at Brookfield Place Winter Garden. It is an ancient tale of gods, princes and monkeys told with six-foot-high shadow puppets. The performance was part of the citywide Season of Cambodia, a Living Arts Festival that is taking place at more than 30 major venues around the city. / PAUL LACHENAUER

Bricks and mortar

Construction is up in NYC

Construction is increasing, a new report says.

The New York Building Congress reported yesterday that private-sector construction employment increased 2.4 percent in 2012.

New construction is building in 2013, the report found, up 1.3 percent from a year ago. ALISON BOWEN

Little off the top

Two men rob Bronx hair salon

Police are searching for two men who robbed a Bronx hair salon at gunpoint.

The robbers entered El Truco Hair Salon in Highbridge on April 21. One of the men displayed a semi-automatic while the second took money from seven people.

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The G Train is a deal-breaker for some New Yorkers looking for love.
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G train is breaking up couples

Dating scene.
The G train is
apparently not
made for lovers.

atic, especially for women
dressed up for a night out.

"The thing about the G
is it comes middle of plat-
form, so if you're dressed
in high heels, you have to
run what feels like seven
miles to catch the train,"
Nkonde explained.

She also described the
Myrtle-Willoughby sta-
tion as 'Law and Order'-
ish."

"It looks like a crime
scene," she said.

Christie Walsh recalled
her relationship with a
man in Greenpoint.

"I always refused to go
there," she said. "After a
couple of punishing rides
on the G train, I decided I
wouldn't do it."

Walsh's beau eventu-
ally moved to California.

"The funny thing is, I'd
date someone in Califor-
nia, because I'd like to go
to California," Walsh said.
"I'd never like to ride the
G train."

An MTA spokesperson
declined to comment.



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Sorry to break it to you,
but nobody wants to date
you if you live off the G
train.

According to a report
from DNAinfo, New York-
ers around the city are re-
fusing to date their neigh-
bors living off the dreaded
G train, citing the train's
poor service as doom for
relationships.

"I had to make a rule
that was, literally, if you
live off the G you're not
for me," Bedford-Stuyves-
ant resident Mutale
Nkonde said. "To get to
the G is such a monumen-
tal hike. It's two buses
plus a long walk."

Nkonde, who lives off
the A and C trains, com-
plained that taking the G
always required several
transfers and often result-
ed in getting lost.

The short length of
the train is also problem-

Deal-breaker

"I had to make a rule that was, literally, if
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Bedford-Stuyvesant resident Mutale Nkonde



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Poisonous letters. Mississippi man in court to face charges

A Mississippi martial arts instructor appeared in federal court yesterday to face charges in connection with mailing letters containing the deadly poison ricin to President Barack Obama and other government officials.

Everett Dutschke, 41, was arrested Saturday in Tupelo, Miss., after

authorities searched his former business and home. He is charged with developing and possessing ricin and attempting to use it as a weapon.

The judge ordered a preliminary hearing be held Thursday, when prosecutors will present more detailed evidence in the case. **REUTERS**

Spare-tire issue

Nissan recalls over 123,000 Altimas

Nissan Motor Co. Ltd. is recalling more than 123,000 Altima sedans in the United States to adjust the inflation of the spare tires, which could be over- or under-inflated.

About 123,308 Altimas from model year 2013



are affected by the recall, according to documents filed the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

REUTERS

Google Now comes to iPhone, challenging Apple Inc.'s Siri

Now. The new technology taps into Google's various online services.

Google Inc. is bringing its Google Now technology to the iPhone, where it will compete head-on with Apple Inc.'s Siri to serve as the primary service that smartphone users rely on to get everything from weather updates to traffic forecasts.

Google Now, which made its debut last year on mobile devices powered by the search giant's Android operating system, will be available as a feature in the new version of the Google Search app for iPhones and iPads.

Personal assistant technology such as Apple's Siri, Google Now and products created by various start-up companies aspire to play what could



PERSONAL ASSISTANT TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS APPLE'S SIRI, GOOGLE NOW AND PRODUCTS CREATED BY VARIOUS START-UP COMPANIES ASPIRE TO PLAY WHAT COULD BECOME A CRITICAL FUNCTION OF SMARTPHONES. / GOOGLE

become a critical function of smartphones by helping users with daily chores, such as looking up information on the Internet, handling calendar appointments and managing travel plans.

Some analysts believe Apple's Siri, which comes preloaded on iPhones and iPads, represents a

growing threat to Google, the world's No. 1 search engine. The information that Siri provides on common topics such as sports scores and nearby restaurants reduces the need to visit Google's search engine, the analysts say.

Johanna Wright, Google's vice president of Search and Assist for

Bad apple

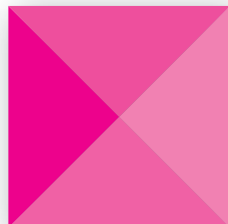
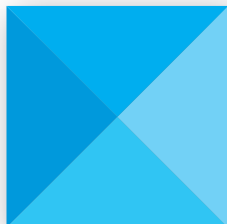
Past criticism

In September, Apple replaced the Google Maps app that once came preloaded on iPhones with a new maps app that Apple created in-house. The Apple maps service contained embarrassing errors, drawing fierce criticism from consumers and forcing Apple CEO Tim Cook to offer a public apology.

Mobile, described Google Now as the next phase in the evolution of search, in which answers are served up without a user needing to type in a query.

The technology taps into Google's various online services, from Web search to Gmail and Google Calendar entries. **REUTERS**

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Nepal. Officials vow to ensure security on Everest after fight

Nepal officials vowed yesterday to ensure the safety of climbers seeking to scale Mount Everest after three European climbers were involved in a fight with sherpa guides on their way to the peak of the mountain.

Three experienced climbers from Britain, Italy and Switzerland were on route to camp three at 22,965 feet on the 29,035-

feet Everest summit when a brawl broke out with sherpas fixing their ropes.

Witnesses said the sherpas pelted the Europeans' tents with stones and punches were thrown.

Swiss climber Ueli Steck descended to the base camp after the attack and said he would abandon the climb and return to Kathmandu if security was not ensured. **REUTERS**

Accused Canadian

Alleged cannibal/killer to go on trial in fall of 2014

A Canadian man accused of murdering and dismembering a Chinese student, eating parts of the corpse and posting an online video of the

crime will go on trial in Montreal on Sept. 15, 2014, an official said yesterday.

Luka Rocco Magnotta, 30, is accused of killing Jun Lin in Montreal in May 2012, posting a video on the Internet of the stabbing death and defiling the body and eating parts of it. **REUTERS**

Chants of 'Hang him' as building owner led to court



Bangladeshi property tycoon Sohel Rana, seen wearing police-issued body armor, is escorted to his appearance in court in Dhaka yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"Put the killer on the gallows. He is not worthy of any mercy or lenient penalty."

An onlooker outside the court shouted

Caught. Rana was arrested by police commandos on Sunday, apparently trying to flee to India.

Bangladeshi lawyers and protesters chanted "Hang him, hang him" yesterday as the owner of a factory building that collapsed last week, killing nearly 400 people, was led into court dressed in a helmet and bullet-proof jacket, witnesses said.

The drama came as rescue officials said they were unlikely to find more survivors in the rubble of the building that collapsed on Wednesday, burying hundreds of garment workers in the country's worst industrial accident.

Heavy cranes were being used to lift huge concrete blocks from the wreckage of Rana Plaza,

where 385 people are now confirmed to have been killed. The building housed factories making clothes for Western brands.

Eight people have been arrested — four factory bosses, two engineers, building owner Mohammed Sohel Rana and his father, Abdul Khalek. Police are looking for a fifth factory boss, David Mayor, who they said was a Spanish citizen.

Rana, a local leader of the ruling Awami League's youth front, was shown on television being brought to Dhaka in handcuffs after he was seized in the border town of Benapole by the elite Rapid Action Battalion following a four-day manhunt.

Rana was arrested by police commandos on Sunday, apparently trying to flee to India.

The court ordered that Rana be held for 15 days for interrogation. **REUTERS**

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UK court

Mother forced daughter, 14, into artificial insemination

A mother who persuaded her adopted teenage daughter to become pregnant by artificial insemination because she wanted a baby for herself has been jailed for five years in Britain, in a case

that raises concern over how easily donor sperm can be obtained.

Previously secret court documents showed that the daughter, a virgin, was made to inseminate herself alone in her bedroom seven times over a two-year period starting in 2008 when she was 14, using syringes of semen bought online by the mother

from sperm bank Cryos in Denmark.

She eventually became pregnant at 16 and gave birth at 17. The extraordinary circumstances of her pregnancy came to light after midwives became suspicious of the mother because she was trying to prevent her daughter from bonding with the new baby.

REUTERS



People gather at the scene of an explosion in the Mezze district of the Syrian capital Damascus yesterday, which is believed to have targeted the prime minister's convoy. / GETTY IMAGES

Six die, Syrian prime minister Wael al-Halki survives car bombing

Blast. Mezze is part of a shrinking 'Square of Security' in central Damascus, where many government and military institutions are based and where senior officials live.

Syria's prime minister survived a bomb attack on his convoy in Damascus yesterday, as rebels struck in the heart of President Bashar al-Assad's capital.

As prime minister Wael al-Halki wields little power, but the attack highlighted the rebels' growing ability to target symbols of Assad's authority in a civil war that, according to the United Nations, has cost more than 70,000 lives.

Assad picked Halki in

August to replace Riyadh Hijab, who defected and escaped to neighboring Jordan just weeks after a bombing killed four of the president's top security advisers.

Yesterday's blast shook the Mezze district soon after 9 a.m., sending thick black smoke into the sky. The Observatory said one man accompanying Halki was killed as well as five people passing by.

State television showed firemen hosing down the charred and mangled remains of a car. Close by

was a large white bus, its windows blown out and its seats gutted by fire. Glass and debris were scattered across several lanes of a main road.

"The terrorist explosion in Mezze was an attempt to target the convoy of the prime minister. Dr. Wael al-Halki is well and not hurt at all," state television said.

State television later broadcast footage of Halki, who appeared composed and unruffled, chairing what it said was an economic committee. **REUTERS**

A "failure?"

In comments released by the state news agency SANA but not shown on television, Halki was quoted as condemning the attack as a sign of "bankruptcy and failure of the terrorist groups," a reference to the rebels battling to overthrow Assad.

Is Coachella-loving Clint Eastwood headed for divorce?

Clint Eastwood's latest fashion choice hasn't helped to quell rumors that he and wife Dina are on the outs. The 82-year-old actor and director has been spotted around Los Angeles recently without his wedding ring, according to Radar Online. He also went ring-less when he took 16-year-old daughter Morgan to the Coachella music festival two weeks ago. The couple haven't been photographed together since November 2011, and Dina has reportedly checked herself into a treatment facility because of depression and anxiety brought on by their marital troubles.



I think the most interesting part of this gossip item is the fact that Eastwood went to Coachella with his 16-year-old daughter. Was he huffing nitrous oxide in a head-dress or what?

Depp out and about with new gal pal Amber Heard

It looks like Johnny Depp and his "Rum Diary" co-star Amber Heard are back on, as the rumored couple were spotted hand-in-hand at the Rolling Stones' surprise concert at a small Los Angeles club over the weekend, ac-

cording to E! News. Depp and Heard were rumored to be dating shortly after Depp's split with his girlfriend of 14 years, Vanessa Paradis, though reps for both parties have refused to comment on the relationship.



THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip

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Cyrus on her privacy

I know, I know: I do not want to run another item about Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth's engagement because she's 20 — of course they aren't going to end up together forever, so it's so stupid to even speculate. But it's a slow news day, so here goes: In a new issue of Elle UK, the singer says being engaged to Liam Hemsworth feels like the most natural thing in the world — but she wants to keep it to herself, according to the magazine. "We have a house together and dogs," she tells the

magazine. "It just seems right to be wearing this ring and to be committed. But we keep our relationship low-key and don't talk about it anymore."

Not talking about things as much seems to be a new guiding principle for Cyrus, who has scaled back on the personal nature of her Twitter output. "We were too nice to the world and gave them too much insight — into my life and my puppies and my house — and I just don't feel like they get that privilege anymore," she says. "Like on my Twitter, I'm much more ... not conservative, but you don't see a picture of my dogs. You don't get that personal stuff anymore."

See ya, Mariah! J.Lo to return to 'Idol' — maybe

It turns out that it was Jennifer Lopez herself who initiated the talks last week for her to possible return to "American Idol," replacing her replacement, Mariah Carey, according to Radar Online. "J.Lo had her manager, Benny Medina, approach Fox to alert them of her interest in rejoining 'Idol,'" a source says. "[Her] twins will enter kindergarten in the fall, and stability is important for them — and J.Lo — at this time. She's looking for possible schools for the kids in Los Angeles at the moment." But the source is quick to point out that it was never Lopez's idea that she be swapped in for Carey this season as a fix for flagging ratings — a plan that was reportedly pursued and then scuttled when Carey's camp threatened legal action. Lopez was only looking to return next year. "If there was a 'secret plot' to replace Mariah, as has been suggested, then it was all Fox," the source says. "J.Lo's approach was about the future, not the present. She's talking about next season." Carey's contract only covers one season of the reality competition.



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CULTURE



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Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

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Books. Chris Faraone goes to 'Heartbreak Hell' and back

In times of disaster, there are those who run. And then there are those who run directly into the fray. Chris Faraone is one of the latter. We caught up with the journalist to talk about his new e-book "Heartbreak Hell," which chronicles his experiences reporting the recent Boston Marathon bombings.

How the hell did you write an entire book in two weeks?

This is a work of gut reaction and reporting. I was just a few blocks away when the bombs went off. From that point on, I was reporting and writing for about 20 hours a day.

What has this experience over these last few weeks been like?

I'm from New York, and one thing I love about Boston is that it's not the focus of attention. As a reporter, I set out to show the different types of impacts that this heinous act of violence had on people and circumstances that we



didn't see much of in most reporting.

Why did you immediately decide to put it online?

Maybe one day some version will come out as a regular print book. At this point, though, that's the last thing on my mind. I just want to get the story out there to as many people as possible. Whether it's cathartic, or just a different take on things, the stories I tell are the kinds that I think people will want to remember.

— Check out Chris Faraone's free e-book at www.heartbreakhell.com

Q&A

Why did you decide to package this as a free online book?

I think it matched the spirit of the whole reaction. The last thing I want to do is run around hawking a book about this tragedy. These are just stories

that I want to get out there. I got help from Clarence Smith Jr. [of Bold Edition] to develop what I can honestly say is one of the most dynamic, beautiful-looking e-books ever released. There's a version on Amazon for Kindle, but it's not as cool-looking as the free version!

ALEXANDRA CAVALLO

'Damned' if you do

Interview. Xan Cassavetes talks her new vampire film and her famous, passionate parents.

Xan Cassavetes has spent a life living and breathing movies. Her father is the late John Cassavetes, actor and indie film pioneer. Her siblings, Nick and Zoe, are filmmakers, just like her. (Nick directed "The Notebook;" Zoe helmed "Broken English.") In 2004 Xan directed "Z Channel: A Magnificent Obsession," a documentary about the legendary Los Angeles pay channel.

Her debut fiction feature — "Kiss of the Damned," an offbeat vampire film with nods to, among others, moody, trashy '70s Euro-horror — wasn't a project that had been gestating for ages. It came about suddenly, when someone she knew tasked her with making a horror movie inside a remote New England mansion. At the time, she had been working on an actor-driven drama about obsessive love.

"It had been something I had written so long ago that I lost the urgency," Cassavetes says. "I wanted desperately to have something that was immediate."

Writing it quickly, she was amazed at how much of her life wound up in the screenplay, including a period when she lived in a large house with her sister, as her lead vampire



Xan Cassavetes puts an original spin on the vampire genre with "Kiss of the Damned." / VERA ANDERSON

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My inclination to make films isn't like John's style at all. I have a whole different history and past.

Xan Cassavetes, filmmaker
On the differences between herself and her filmmaking father John Cassavetes

(Josephine de la Baume) does. "None of it was conscious," she claims, before pointing out that her relationship with Zoe is much better than the contentious one depicted here. (They even share the same favorite of their father's films: 1977's "Opening Night.") "We were always very close. But it was a hard time for us. We had

just lost our father. It was filled with lots of questions of life and eternity and pain. That wound up popping up in certain situations in the film."

The film gave her the chance to channel the masters. From Bernardo Bertolucci, she borrowed the way he filmed women. "You'd always have these beautiful women going crazy," she says of his movies. "I loved it. I loved the courage of these actresses who put themselves in the hands of this director who is going to love them and make sure they're weren't just an object, but a mystical presence."

She feels the same way. "One of my best friends accuses me of seeing women the way men see them. Strangely enough I'm heterosexual," she jokes. She says she loves women as

both objects and complex humans. "I have a very beautiful mother," she says, of the actress Gena Rowlands. "Since I was a child, the woman in my life was as beautiful as any woman I've ever seen."

As for her father, he raised three kids who all became filmmakers like him. "My inclination to make films isn't like John's style at all," she says. "I have a whole different history and past." Both her father and mother inspired her in different ways. "They made it look really hard making movies, but they made it look so passionate. They made filmmaking look like what you did when you grew up — if you're lucky."



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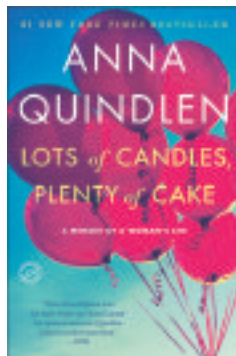
Books. Anna Quindlen reflects on all types of love in her memoir.

Anna Quindlen is no stranger to sharing the details of her life with millions of followers — her New York Times column, "Life in the 30s," was a hit with readers for its three-year run. Her memoir, "Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake," provided Quindlen another opportunity to invite readers into her perfectly imperfect life. Not one to shy away from the industry's new technologies, the author fielded questions from us via her iPad while on her book tour.

When did you know the time was right to write a memoir?

It wasn't so much that I wanted to write a memoir as that I wanted to write about how growing older has changed during my lifetime. It became clear to me that the best way to illuminate the ways we live now was to mine my own life for material.

Did you approach this



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the same way you did your other books?

I approach almost all my writing in the same basic fashion. I spend as much time as I can reading and reporting, and thinking deeply about the subject and the themes that interest me. ... The months of constant mulling are a big part of the process.

Were you apprehensive to reveal private details, like when you gave up drinking?

I've had to learn over the years what can go into print and what is too much information, perhaps not for the reader but for friends and family. When I had a finished manuscript of "Candles," I gave it to my husband and three children, who had absolute veto rights. No one exercised them. Certainly discussing the fact that I stopped drinking 24 years ago was a bit of a leap for me. But I thought it might be helpful for other women.

What is the best compliment someone could give you as a writer?

There are two. Sometimes a conservative will say to me about my political columns, "I don't agree with your politics, but you always make me think about things in a different way." That's huge for me. ... The other thing is that women will sometimes tell me that they feel as though I'm telling the story of their lives.



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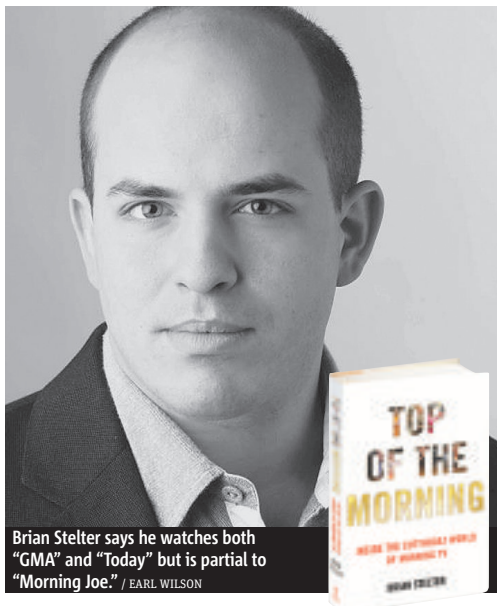
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Brian Stelter on the morning show war



Brian Stelter says he watches both "GMA" and "Today" but is partial to "Morning Joe." / EARL WILSON

Books. The author on 'The Ann Curry Disaster' and what's next for 'Today' and 'GMA.'

During our interview about his new book, "Top of the Morning: Inside the Cutthroat World of Morning TV," Brian Stelter consistently refers to the ouster of Ann Curry on the "Today" show as "The Ann Curry Disaster."

And a disaster it was. After an awkward first year, Curry was unceremoniously replaced as co-host of "Today" in 2012. It was far from a smooth transfer: On her last day on set, Curry ac-

tually cried when she announced she was leaving the show; she then visibly flinched when Matt Lauer tried to comfort her. The entire watching world cringed simultaneously — and her loyal audience left in droves, thus knocking "Today" off its throne as the No. 1 morning program by "Good Morning America," a title "Today" had held for 15 years.

And while this was terrible for Curry, it was a delicious twist for Stelter, a media reporter for the New York Times, who was already working on the book. "The Ann Curry Disaster happened in June 2012," he says. "At that point I had already been deep inside the show for about six months."

Stelter then wrote as

fast as he could to make sure the topic was still fresh. NBC, which has been attempting damage control ever since Curry left, has been clobbered again by "Top of the Morning," which paints its executives as bullies who dubbed the removal of Curry "Operation Bambi." "I don't think it's a coincidence that Matt Lauer came out in March and gave interviews and talked about The Ann Curry Disaster for the first time. I think it makes a lot of sense that he was trying to give a pre-rebuttal to my book. A 'prebuttal,' if you will," says Stelter.

But don't cry for "Today." In a way, Stelter thinks the upheaval at our morning television mainstays are a good thing.

"I think it's inevitable that the 'Today' show will get back to first place. It's just a question of when," he says. "'GMA' was losing for 15 years; now it's winning, so they're not going to let that go without a fight. And what we see every day is now that fight — which is very interesting to watch."

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Unlike Johnny Marr's 2003 album, which was credited to both the former Smiths guitarist and The Healers, his new album, "The Messenger," bears just his name, marking a bona fide solo debut in more ways than title. From the opening power chord through wiry garage rock, pretty jangle pop and a touch of terse psychedelia, Marr is the

guy at the front, not to the side, because his singing is equally expressive.

"There's got to be some benefits to getting older, and one of them is knowing yourself better and being OK with that. Not that I ever had a problem with who I was, except if I acted like a dick," Marr says with a laugh. "Where that's affected the new record is that I know

what I'm interested in singing about and that's very handy when you're fronting a group."

Before he set about making "The Messenger," Marr knew he had to take his song ideas "home" and record in his native Manchester, England — not Portland, Oregon, where he's lived since 2005.

"I had an intuition that it would be good for

the music. I didn't have a solid concept about representing Blighty. It's in no way nostalgic, God forbid," he says. "But in the back of my mind there was an attitude that I wanted to reconnect with — I guess I always carried it with me. But I wanted to be where I first developed that attitude."

Ever since the demise of The Smiths in the late 1980s, Marr's role was as producer or band member. Over the last decade, he joined both Modest Mouse and The Cribs.

"I was firmly committed to being in both; I don't know any other way of doing it properly. But, I've gone into doing this record with a sense

About that elephant in the room...

Last year, the ever-present Smiths reunion rumors pinned hopes on a reformation at Coachella 2013. Given that Marr has made such a strong

solo album, it's rude to even broach the subject. But, duty bound, we ask whether a reunion is a possibility. Marr answers tersely: "Impossible!"

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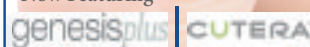
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San Francisco has no shortage of trendy new restaurants, but there are some classic spots well worth seeking out, too. You'll find locals here, dining out on iconic dishes that have been satiating San Franciscans for ages.

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Now boarding

It's not often we want to live like we're in an airport terminal, but Delta's new Soho pop-up space, T4X, does sound pretty cool. Next month, the airline will launch a re-vamped Terminal 4 at JFK, and to celebrate they're opening T4X at 376 West Broadway, which will serve lunch items created by Delta's International BusinessElite consulting chef, Michelle Bernstein. Sandwiches are soups are available for \$4, and a baggage claim-style conveyor belt will roll out your sandwich in a mini Delta suitcase. T4X will be open Tuesday-Sunday, May 1-22.

Sears Fine Food

Open since 1938, Sears Fine Food underwent renovations after briefly closing in 2003, but thankfully the signature dish of 18 silver dollar-size Swedish pancakes served with butter and lingonberries stayed on the menu. Sears claims to make 11,000 of these a day. The restaurant has a nostalgic feel, decorated with antiques, Americana posters and collectibles.



Tadich Grill

One of the oldest restaurants in the nation, Tadich Grill opened as a coffee stand during the gold rush in 1849. The menu hasn't changed that much over the years. Nor has the service; a

major draw. Looking dapper in white coats and ties, the waiters are true pros: efficient yet entertaining. Classic dishes include Hangtown fry, a kind of omelet with bacon and oysters popular with gold miners; a seafood stew with Italian

and Portuguese roots called cioppino; and pan-fried sand dabs, a Pacific flatfish similar to sole.

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Original Joe's

At Original Joe's, banquettes, booths and tuxedoed waiters live on, as do comfort food favorites like eggplant parmigiana, grilled calf liver with bacon and onions, and sautéed sweetbreads. House specialties are all served with a choice of spaghetti, ravioli, french fries, or vegetables, so there's little chance you'll leave hungry.



Tommy's Joynt

Singer Tommy Harris opened Tommy's Joynt in 1947, and it's been a friendly, casual place with a whole lot of character ever since. One of just a few surviving "hofbraus," or cafeteria-style beer halls that serve inexpensive food, you'll find all manner of ephemera, animal heads and vintage advertising signs inside. Outside, wildly colorful murals extol the virtues of carved sandwiches, buffalo stew and more than 100 beers. It's a great place to mingle.



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Move aside, princesses

Disneyland and California Adventure offer a pixie dust-less world for the guys in your life, just in time for Father's Day.

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In the land of Disney, princesses always reigned supreme. However, though Sleeping Beauty's Castle, the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique and those ever-popular regal

ladies may get a lot of the attention, Disneyland and California Adventure offer a pixie dust-less world for the guys in your life too — all in time for Father's Day in June.

Cars Land

Route 66 comes to life for plain-old cars and animated "Cars" lovers alike. It's set in the world of Radiator Springs, where characters from the film motor down Main Street. The highlight is Radiator Spring Racers,



which takes you on a leisurely ride before you drag race to the finish line.

Star Tours

Ask a father what his favorite movie was growing up, then ask his son the same question. The likelihood is they may have the same answer: "Star Wars." The 3-D Star Tours takes you on a Starspeeder, cruising at light speed through the sci-fi universe.



Pirates of the Caribbean

There's a reason why this ride has always been popular: It's fun. The boat ride starts in the calm Louisiana Bayou but soon takes you deep into a dark world of hidden treasure, sea battles and the pirate-ridden town of Puerto Dorado.

Toy Story Midway Mania

Located in California Adventure's Paradise Pier, this 4-D ride features spinning vehicles that take you from one screen to another. At each stop you try to hit "Toy Story"-related targets that pop up, using everything from eggs to darts to rings and pies.



Tom Sawyer Island

Located in a man-made lake on the edge of Frontierland, the island is a giant playground for kids of all ages. A river raft ferries you from the main park across to the island, where trails lead you to hidden caves, hilltop forts and pirate treasure.

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In the news

Your child's brain on math: Don't bother?

Parents whose children are struggling with math often view intense tutoring as the best answer, but a new study suggests that for some kids that is a lost cause.

According to the research, the size of one key brain structure and the connections between it and other regions can help identify the 8- and 9-year-olds who will hardly benefit from one-on-one math instruction.

"We could predict



Is getting a math tutor for your child even worth it?

how much a child learned from the tutoring based on measures of brain structure and connectivity," said Vinod Menon, a professor at Stanford who led the research.

Menon and his fellow scientists are exploring whether any interventions might change the brain in such a way that

children who struggle with math can benefit more from tutoring.

He said "it's conceivable" that parents will interpret the new study as saying some kids cannot benefit from math tutoring, "and give up [on their child] before even trying. How this plays out is far from clear." **REUTERS**



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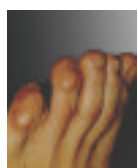
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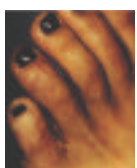


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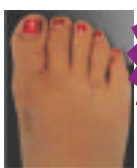
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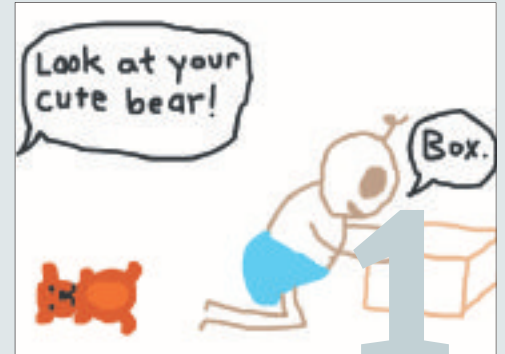
Books. Amber Dusick shares some rules from her book, "Parenting: Illustrated with Crappy Pictures."

Amber Dusick started her blog, Parenting: Illustrated with Crappy Pictures, because she "needed a place to vent about the funny (and frustrating) things that happened to me as a parent. Turns out, poop is hilarious! At least when you're not the one wiping it up." Dusick is not an artist — not by a long shot — but it is her insights coupled with her amateur drawings that will make any parent chuckle. Her asides are compiled in the new book "Parenting: Illustrated with Crappy Pictures."



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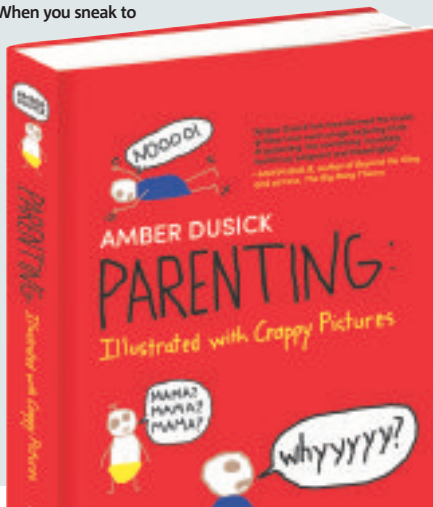
1 The more excited you think they'll be about a gift, the more they will only play with the box.

2 The closing of a bathroom door causes end-of-the-world panic.

3 When you sneak to

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When going bold on the lips keep the rest of your makeup minimal, as seen at the Jason Wu Spring 2013 show. / GETTY IMAGES

Pucker up

Beauty. This spring, kiss your lip gloss goodbye and go for a bold pout instead.



The lipsticks

Inspired by the striking lips at some of spring's biggest fashion shows — including Burberry, Prada, Missoni and Oscar de la Renta — we decided to round up our favorite bold shades to wear now. Pair them with contrasting dewy eyes or barely there makeup for optimum pop.

1 Nars' fire engine red lip pencil feels glossy but has a surprising satin finish. No crusty corners for you. **Nars Satin Lip Pencil in Luxembourg, \$25, www.narscosmetics.com**

2 This velvety plum lipstick is sophistication in a tube. **Revlon ColorStay Ultimate Suede Lipstick in Backstage, \$10, drug stores and other retailers nationwide**

3 Chanel's vibrant, almost neon pink — in a non-drying matte formula — steps up any blah outfit. **Chanel Rouge Allure Velvet Luminous Matte Lip Colour in L'Exuberante, \$34, www.chanel.com**

4 This bright orange-red looks good on just about any skin tone — get ready to

share with friends.

TopShop Lipstick in Mischief, \$16, <http://us.topshop.com>

5 A deep-red wine shade for when you want a vampy twist to your look. **Nars Lipstick in Scarlet Empress, \$26, www.narscosmetics.com**

6 The sparkle in this bright raspberry is perfect for life's fancier moments. Or Mondays. **Estee Lauder Pure Color Vivid Shine Lipstick in Poppy Love, \$25, www.esteelauder.com**

7 Sure, this is more than you'd like to spend on any lipstick, but if you're lusting for an orange that pops — and hydrates — look no further. **Tom Ford Beauty Lip Color in Wild Ginger, \$48, www.neimanmarcus.com**

8 M.A.C.'s cult classic red shade, Ruby Woo, gets even fiercer thanks to Rihanna. **RiRi ♥ M.A.C Lipstick in RiRi Woo, \$15, www.maccosmetics.com**



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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. It's OK to be your own person, but draw the line if your needs come at the expense of someone else's.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Don't allow yourself to be put in a position in which you're out of your depth. Be honest about your capabilities.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Someone who is just as strong-willed as you might try to be the dominating force in your peer group. If you oppose this person, a collision is likely.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Poor results are likely if you don't distinguish between those who are in your corner and those who are not.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You'll be better able to handle large ideas than small ones, but overly grandiose schemes could lead to your undoing.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Unless you're extremely careful, it could be unwise to invest in certain situations or people that you know little about.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Those with whom you're involved won't like it if you take them or what they do for granted.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Assignments you neglect early on will return to haunt you.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20. Overly complex arrangements are destined to fail, so keep all of your involvements with friends as low-key and uncomplicated as possible.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 -

Feb. 18. Don't compare the achievements of an outsider against your family. You could be prejudiced against non-family members.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. A surefire way to have others come down hard on you is to find fault with their thinking. Don't introduce controversy.

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Be prudent in your commercial affairs or in the handling of financial funds, whether yours or another's.
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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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Across

- 1 Feigned
- 6 Sunfish
- 11 Terse affirmative
- 14 Peace goddess
- 15 Bell town of fiction
- 16 Royal pronoun
- 17 Insert mark
- 18 Big hairy spider
- 20 Chatty alien of TV
- 21 Grandstand yells
- 23 Bridge expert
- 24 Goes first
- 26 In a frenzy
- 28 Rodeo ride
- 30 Metallic fabrics
- 31 "Who gives --!"
- 32 Ski slope bump
- 33 Realty ad abbr.
- 36 Gets an eyeful
- 37 Slams, as a door
- 38 Windshield option
- 39 Cattle feed
- 40 Bowling lane
- 41 "Lorenzo's Oil" star
- 42 Birch kin
- 43 "Hotel California" group
- 44 Travel downers (2 wds.)
- 47 Seaweeds
- 48 Medicinal plants
- 49 Ship's cooler

- 50 -- Andreas Fault
- 53 Karate pro (2 wds.)
- 56 Hint
- 58 U.K. lexicon
- 59 Actor Lew --
- 60 Overly trusting
- 61 Experiment
- 62 Flat broke
- 63 Eminent

Down

- 1 Pay-stub acronym
- 2 Inland sea of Asia
- 3 Go -- (fail suddenly)
- 4 Vane dir.
- 5 Take away from
- 6 Hot soaks
- 7 Vitamin amts.
- 8 Bunny feature
- 9 Wheel buy (2 wds.)
- 10 Mutt
- 11 "-- So Vain"
- 12 Calculus pioneer
- 13 Practical joke
- 19 Mix the salad
- 22 Bother
- 25 Eve's grandson
- 26 Loose
- 27 Flightless birds
- 28 Lavish party
- 29 Ms. Perlman of "Cheers"
- 30 Nonsocial one

- 32 Stags and rams
- 33 Dizzy -- of jazz
- 34 Part of A.M.
- 35 AAA suggestions
- 37 Structure, briefly
- 38 Gaius' garb
- 40 From Juneau
- 41 Like some doubts
- 42 Knighted Guinness
- 43 Yale alumnus
- 44 Blouse ruffle
- 45 "Oklahoma!" aunt
- 46 Curry favor
- 47 --craftsy
- 49 Ran in the wash
- 51 Thomas -- Edison
- 52 No, to Ivan
- 54 "So long!"
- 55 Prior to
- 57 Nick or scratch

Yesterday's answer



Letters

Ask the mothers if stop-and-frisk works

I think the best way to end the controversy regarding stop-and-frisk is to ask the mothers in high crime areas whether they want the practice to continue. They are the parents of both victims and those being stopped by police. The mothers, not politicians or a few angry individuals, should decide what is best for their sons.

ADELAIDE VERPONI, VIA EMAIL

and wrong. Catholics all over the world have faced ridicule and guilt by association accusations for years since the Catholic priest abuse scandals first began surfacing.

Is stop-and-frisk wrong? Definitely not. Those neighborhoods have higher crime rates than other NYC neighborhoods. Therefore, if police were to just allow the crimes to continue because of political correctness, then that would be racist for allowing minorities to be victimized by other minorities. Look at the stats, stop-and-frisk works.

KEVIN METZ, VIA EMAIL

Stop-and-frisk works

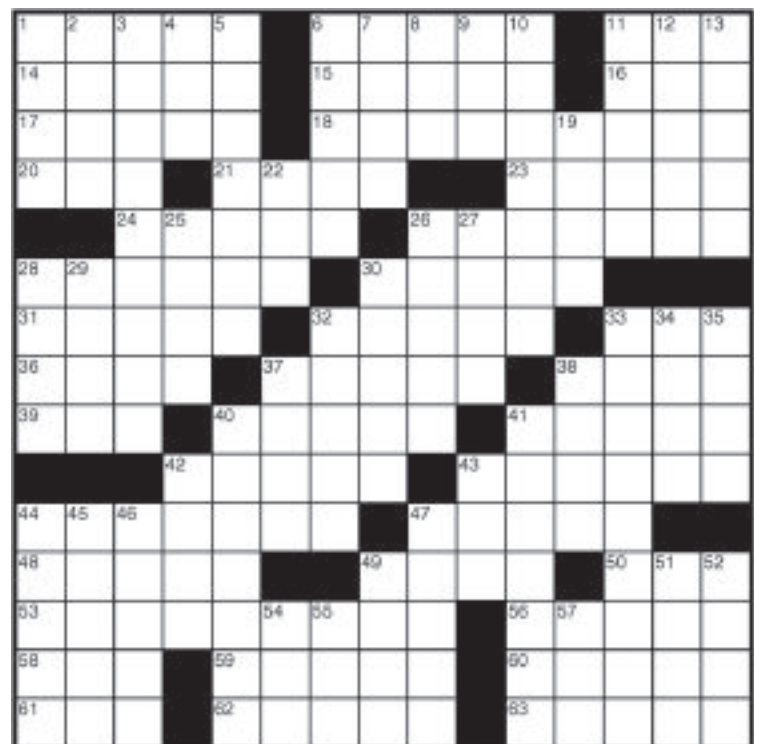
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Back on Bolts?

LT asked back

Former Jets running back LaDainian Tomlinson said yesterday the Chargers asked him recently if he wanted to return for the upcoming season. Tomlinson, 33, said he "thought they weren't really serious, but they kept talking about it." The future Hall of Famer walked away from the game after the 2011 season.

Bad news, Isles

Crosby nears return

Islanders fans reveling in their return to the playoffs might want to take note — Sidney Crosby is nearing a return. The Penguins star, who has been out since March 30 with a broken jaw, practiced with the team yesterday, but he has not been cleared to return yet. The Penguins open the playoffs against the Islanders tomorrow.

Out of work



Jets release Tim Tebow

The yearlong experiment is finally over. The Jets have released backup quarterback Tim Tebow.

"We have a great deal of respect for Tim Tebow," head coach Rex Ryan said in a statement. "Unfortunately, things did not work out the way we all had hoped. ... We wish him the best moving forward."

Tebow's release brings to an end a trade that never made much sense in the first place. Tebow was acquired from Denver in March 2012 for a fourth-round draft pick.

MARK OSBORNE

Not in our house: Nets force Game 6

NBA playoffs.

Brooklyn pulls away late to beat the Bulls at the Barclays Center and stave off elimination.

In the postseason, especially in dire situations, someone besides the stars often needs to deliver significant production. For the Nets in Game 5, that someone was backup center Andray Blatche.

Blatche scored 10 of his 13 points in the fourth quarter, and the Nets survived for another three days by pulling out a 110-91 victory over the Bulls last night.

Blatche played virtually the entire fourth quarter, helping the Nets expand on a nerve-racking 77-74 lead for their fans. He had played just 8:33

and taken two shots in the opening 36 minutes, but early in the period as Deron Williams was getting a rest for the stretch run, Blatche helped the Nets maintain their lead and ensured Brooklyn would have two days to prepare for Game 6 on Thursday night in Chicago.

Williams scored 12 of his 23 points in the third quarter, looking like the player who aggressively slashed to the basket in Game 1. Brook Lopez struggled to get deep post position at times against Joakim Noah but still managed a 28-point game.

Nate Robinson led the Bulls with 20 points but after getting 23 in the fourth quarter Saturday, he scored just four down the stretch last night.

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The Nets kept Joakim Noah in check in Game 5, allowing just 11 points and four rebounds. / NBAE, GETTY IMAGES

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JASON COLLINS A BREATH OF FRESH AIR IN SPORTS WORLD

Former Nets center Jason Collins became the first active pro athlete to announce he is gay in an article he wrote for the May 6 issue of Sports Illustrated. First, we should thank Collins for kick-starting the public discourse about homosexuality in sports that will ensue in the coming weeks. His decision to come out is brave. Still, I'm worried about exactly how the conversation will unfold.

From the inconsequential (Internet message boards riddled with disgusting commentary), to the irresponsible (pundits with page views to amass), and, unfortunately, to ignorant peers (fellow athletes, like 49er Chris Culliver, who made homophobic remarks about gay athletes prior to the Super Bowl), across the board, reactions will range from humane to reprehensible.

It's ironic, really: As an industry, sports are constantly looking to be



Collins is a free agent this offseason. / GETTY IMAGES

progressive from a product standpoint — asking pertinent enterprise-level questions about how to improve the game or consumer experience. While collaborative discussion is typically healthy, I fear that, in this case, the conversation will illuminate how far behind the rest of the world professional sports are.

I wouldn't call Collins' decision to raise his hand

"heroic." In reality, the more alarming question is why, in 2013, this didn't happen sooner. "Loyalty to my team is the real reason I didn't come out sooner," Collins wrote in his SI article. "When I signed a free-agent contract with Boston last July, I decided to commit myself to the Celtics and not let my personal life become a distraction."

This has callbacks to

the controversial pre-draft interviews conducted by NFL teams that were said to have probed rookies about their personal lives, even inquiring around sexuality, stirring a public debate as to whether or not this line of questioning was appropriate. But whether the inquisition was legitimate is irrelevant (for the record, it wasn't). Collins' remarks reflected the same concerns scouts had, meaning that, while unfair, the stigma exists. Perception is the issue here.

Sports is based on results. Anything precluding desired outcomes is a perceived liability. Drug and alcohol abuse. Demanding a trade. Complaining to the media about playing time. Guaranteeing a victory. Calling out opponents. In the sports world, these are distractions. Evidently, according to Collins, so is one's sexuality. And that's disheartening, if not frightening.

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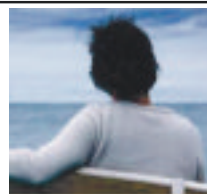
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